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Applicant(s): M. YAMAKAWA, et al.

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**RESPONSE- 37 CFR 1.111**

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
November 19, 2004, the term for response to which expires on  
December 19, 2004.

**ELECTION**

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-20, drawn to a  
paper folding system, for further prosecution on the merits,  
without traverse.

Applicants have informed the undersigned that the original  
inventorship is still correct for the elected subject matter.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits  
now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

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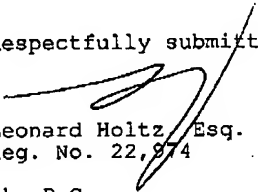
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It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

December 2, 2004

  
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